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Honorable D. A. Fitzgerald
 Acting Director
 International Cooperation Administration
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

Thank you for your letter of 12 October requesting the release of Mr. [REDACTED] in order that he might accept a two year tour of duty with your organization. I am always pleased to learn that employees of the Central Intelligence Agency are highly regarded elsewhere and consider your interest in Mr. [REDACTED] a compliment both to this Agency and the man.

[REDACTED] is occupying a key position in one of our most important offices and is presently engaged in a project of considerable significance to this Agency and its intelligence product. At this time, it would be extremely difficult to secure a replacement for [REDACTED] and, therefore, I do not feel that I would be justified in granting his release.

I am very sorry that I cannot comply with your request for I am keenly aware of the importance of the assignment intended for [REDACTED]. However, I feel certain that you will be understanding of my position and responsibility in this matter.

Sincerely,

Signed

Allen W. Dulles
 Director

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